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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
SHIGENOBU MAEDA ET AL. : GROUP ART UNIT: 2811
SERIAL NO: 09/176,315 :
FILED: OCTOBER 22, 1998 : EXAMINER: CRANE, S.
FOR: METHOD OF DESIGNING SEMI-
CONDUCTOR DEVICE, SEMI-
CONDUCTOR DEVICE AND
RECORDING MEDIUM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In Response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2002, please note the following
remarks traversing the rejection of Claims 1-5 and 18.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 17 and 20 have been withdrawn
from consideration.

The outstanding Action presents a rejection of Claims 1-5 and 18 as being obvious
over Iwamatsu et al (the 1995 article entitled "*High-Speed 0.5 μ m SOI 1/8 Frequency Divider
with Body-Fixed Structure for Wide Range of Applications*") (Iwamatsu) in view of Agari (JA
6-224302), Chen et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,767,549)(Chen), Blake et al (U.S. Patent No.
4,899,202, Blake), Gunning (U.S. Patent No.5,023,488), and Masuda et al (U.S. Patent No.